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1. The following air activity was observed at Cottbus airfield:

14 December. Yak-18s circled over the field and practiced flying in elements of twos.

15 December. There was air activity by Yak-18s and Yak-11s. Visibility was good.

16 December. Yak-18s were observed flying at altitudes over 1,000 meters.

17 December. Yak-11s and Yak-18s were observed aloft.

18 December. Yak-18s practiced flying. There was an easterly wind.

19 December. Acrobatics were made by Yak-11s at altitudes over 1,000 meters.

21 December. During the afternoon, Yak-11s were observed aloft.

the air activity by Yak-18s and Yak-11s observed between 14 December and 17 January it was apparent that pilots flying Yak-11s had reached a higher status of training than those flying Yak-18s. Yak-18s always took off individually, made local flights, flights in the vicinity of the field, and individual acrobatics. Sometimes, the aircraft would assemble in formations of two or three at an altitude of about 300 meters. The landings were individually made after breaking up the formation. 25X1

The Yak-11s also took off individually and climbed to an altitude of about 1,000 meters. Subsequently, the aircraft would disappear in various directions, possibly for cross-country flights. 25X1
 Yak-11s crossed over the field at an altitude of about 1,000 meters and, immediately afterward, approached for landing in a gliding flight. Formation flying by Yak-11s was not observed between 15 December and 17 January. 1

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2. The construction work along the road to Burg in the northeastern corner of the airfield was apparently completed and the sand heans, previously observed there, were removed.

[redacted] fuel containers had been installed in the northeastern corner of the field. 2
No occupied AA gun emplacements were observed at the field. 3.

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3. Vehicular traffic at the field involved truck [redacted] sedan [redacted], truck [redacted] with a Soviet driver, sedan [redacted] which was observed moving to the Sachsendorfer Kaserne, truck tank truck [redacted], truck [redacted], and sedan [redacted]

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1. [redacted] Comment. Flight training by VFL at Cottbus airfield is probably conducted by two groups; one performs initial training with Yak-18s and the other advanced training with Yak-11s. The second group possibly included some pilots who received their initial training in the USSR. The information that the aircraft of the Aeroclub in Cottbus [redacted] was previously received.

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2. [redacted] Comment. Five fuel containers, each 8 meters long and 2 meters in diameter were installed in the northeastern corner of the landing field.

3. [redacted] Comment. AAA has not been observed at Cottbus airfield since August 1952.

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